Rama Varmha Tampuran.—

			Rs.	As.	Ps.
(a)	1104	..	2,112	11	0
	1105	..	2,111	13	4
	1106	..	2,120	6	7

(b) No.

(c) The question does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) There was a complaint from the inhabitants of the Municipality against the levy of all the taxes included in section 40 of the Municipal Regulation including the land tax.

(e) The correspondence was recorded.

Improvements to the surroundings of the Girls' School, Chittur.

143. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to improve the surroundings of the newly built Girls' School at Chittur ; if so, what are they, and how much amount is to be spent for the same ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Government have no information.—

Widening of Chalakkudi road in Edakkunni bazaar.

144. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether they have widened the Chalakkudi road in the Edakkunni bazaar by removing the encroachments;

(b) if not, what are the reasons for the delay in doing it ;

(c) when was this complaint first brought to the notice of the Government ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) No.

(b) The encroachments proper have been got removed. There are also certain leases to be cancelled and the sites to be taken possession of before the work is taken up. The P. W. D. is enquiring into the desirability of cancelling the leases with the least amount of inconvenience and loss to the lessees.

The question will be settled and the widening work taken up at an early date.

(c) In 1103.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does not the Government feel the necessity of widening the road in that portion ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon—Yes. The Government have appreciated the necessity of widening the road at that portion. The difficulty is in the matter of eviction of leases granted.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—As the answers now stand the Public Works Department is even now only considering the desirability of cancelling the leases. Is there sufficient space left without cancelling the leases ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The question is, what do you consider 'as sufficient'. The present width is of course not sufficient for a trunk road. But it is just enough in case there is not much traffic. But I think it is desirable to dismantle the buildings standing in the place. But it is also hard to ask the people to demolish the buildings they have constructed at high costs.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is there much traffic in that area ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There is a good amount of traffic in that area.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is there sufficient road for cars to cross each other?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There is very great difficulty in doing so.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—When did the P. W. D. begin to consider the desirability of cancelling the leases? The question was raised for the first time even in 1103. Did they seriously consider about it? May I know when they began to think about the desirability of cancelling the leases?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I cannot say exactly when we began to consider the desirability of cancelling the leases. We are still considering the desirability of evicting the occupants of the portion in question.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know from what year, approximately? The question had been here for the last 3 years. May I know whether they began only in the last month or so? That is what I want to know.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The question was under consideration for the last two or three years.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—How long will it take?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is pending a local inspection by myself and the Diwan Peishkar, to decide finally on the question.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Has not the Diwan Peishkar inspected the place before?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Both of us individually inspected the place, but we want a joint inspection.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know the approximate width of this road at present?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—About 18 feet.

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Dr. A. G. Menon.—May I know the width of the trunk roads referred to by the Hon'ble Member for Engineering and which are the trunk roads?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The trunk roads in Cochin State are several. The road coming from Shoranur to Karupadanna, Shoranur to Chalakkudi, Trichur to Karupadanna, Trichur to Vaniampara, Trichur to Kunnamkulam and there are several others. The width of those roads varies from 18 to 22 feet. It is desirable to widen all the trunk roads to about 35 feet.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Is not this portion lying between Shoranur and Ernakulam?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The portion referred to in the question does not lie between Shoranur and Ernakulam. It goes to Edakunni Road.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Sir, I am referring to Chalakkudi road.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That is a portion lying between Shoranur and Ernakulam.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—There is a big curve also and it is a very dangerous place.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Do the leases authorise the lessees to construct buildings on the sides of the road? I am told that there are some buildings existing there.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is to be considered as an encroachment.

Steam rollers in the State.

145. **Mr. Joseph Pettah.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of steam rollers for road metalling in the State and how they are distributed at present;

(b) the price paid for each one of them;

(c) the recurring annual expenditure in the case of each, on (i) the pay and allowances, etc., of the drivers, cleaners, mechanics and other employees, (ii) other running charges, such as on fuel, oil, etc., (iii) repairs;

(d) the number of miles of road over which the metalling was done yearly with the aid of these rollers for the last five years?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) There are three steam road rollers in the State. They are at Chittur, Trichur and Mukundapuram Taluks.

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